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SUBJECT: DOG ISLAND

1. DEFENSE AND EUR/NE HELD WORKING LUNCHEON WITH BRITISH EMBASSY (WALKER AND WILBERFORCE) JUNE 5 FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF PARAMETERS OF US PROPOSAL WHICH FCO WOULD LIKE TO SEE BEFORE SEEKING MINISTERIAL APPROVAL FOR DOD-CONTRACT TEAM TO SURVEY DOG ISLAND. WE EXPLAINED TO EMBASSY OFFICIALS THAT WE WISHED TO MAKE PROPOSAL WHICH ON ONE HAND WOULD BE SALEABLE TO ANGUILLANS BUT ON OTHER WOULD NOT BE EXCESSIVE OF ANGUILLAN NEEDS, INCREASING INFRASTRUCTURE AND OVERHEAD WHICH BRITISH MIGHT BE OBLIGED TO UNDERWRITE.

2. IT WAS AGREED THAT PROPOSAL WOULD TAKE FORM OF GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT SETTING FORTH ONE-SHOT CAPITAL PROJECT FOR ELECTRICITY SUPPLY SYSTEM, POSSIBLY WATER SUPPLY (WITHOUT DESALINIZATION) AND ANNUAL RENTAL FOR DOG

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ISLAND. STILL TO BE RESOLVED IS MANNER OF HANDLING RENTAL PAYMENTS, I.E., THROUGH HMG AS INTERMEDIARY OR DIRECTLY TO PRIVATE OWNERS OF ISLAND AND WHAT PERCENTAGE SHOULD BE earmarked FOR ANGUILLA COUNCIL FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION

OF ELECTRICITY AND POSSIBLY WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS. BRITS
OPINED THAT ANNUAL PAYMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL SUM TO PRIVATE
OWNERS POSED TICKLISH PROBLEMS TO WHICH THEY WOULD HAVE TO

GIVE MORE THOUGHT.

3. DOD NOW DRAFTING PROPOSAL WHICH WILL BE PASSED TO
BRITISH EMBASSY AS SOON AS CLEARANCES OBTAINED. BRITS
WILL CONSIDER FEASIBILITY OF EARLY VISIT TO WASHINGTON BY
UK OFFICIAL FROM BARBADOS, FAMILIAR WITH ANGUILLAN
DEVELOPMENT NEEDS.

4. A JOINT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE-GOVERNOR OF PUERTO RICO
STATEMENT TO BE RELEASED ON JULY 1 WILL COVER PRECISE DE-
TAILS OF CESSATION OF TRAINING ON CULEBRA AND DATE FOR
TERMINATION OF AIR-TO-GROUND TRAINING ACTIVITIES ON THE
CULEBRA KEYS (WELL BEFORE DECEMBER 31). IT WOULD BE VERY
USEFUL IF THIS JOINT STATEMENT COULD ALSO INCLUDE AN AN-
NOUNCEMENT OF FURTHER PROGRESS ON DOG ISLAND NEGOTIATIONS
SUBSEQUENT TO LAST MEETING IN LONDON WHEN A PUBLIC STATE-
MENT WAS AGREED UPON BY BOTH SIDES FOR RELEASE TO THE
PRESS. WE WILL BE DISCUSSING APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE WITH
BRITISH EMBASSY. KISSINGER

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